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((SUMMARY)) ABOUT 1717 THIS AFTERNOON, WHEN THE HOLY FATHER WAS ON HIS WAY TO GREET THE PEOPLE IN THE PIAZZA, A NUMBER OF SHOTS IN RAPID SUCCESSION WERE HEARD. THE HOLY FATHER FELL IN THE ARMS OF HIS PRIVATE SECRETARY AND ANOTHER PERSON. IMMEDIATELY THE CAR CONTAINING THE POPE WAS DRIVEN TOWARD AN ENTRANCE. THE HOLY FATHER LAY DOWN IN THE BACK OF THE CAR. THE EXTENT OF THE WOUND IS NOT YET KNOWN. AT 1729, I SAW AN AMBULANCE GO OUT FOLLOWED BY A BLACK CAR WITH A NUMBER OF PERSONALITIES OF THE STATE SECRETARIAT.

THE CROWD IN SAINT PETERS SQUARE CONTINUES TO PRAY FOR THE

HOLY FATHER IN VIEW OF THE WOUND INFLICTED ON HIM. NOBODY YET KNOWS THE GRAVITY OF THE WOUND. 131545-FOX/PX 13/1618Z MAY

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